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In re Patent Application of)
Viet LE et al.)
Application No.: 08/923,461)
Filed: September 4, 1997)
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
MODULAR MULTIPLEXING)
AND AMPLIFICATION IN A)
MULTI-CHANNEL PLAN)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$355.00 ☐ \$710.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted , on , for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	36	Minus 40	0	x \$18.00 =	00.00
Ind. Claims	5	Minus 5	0	x \$ 80.00 =	00.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00					
Total Amendment Fee					\$00.00
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$00.00

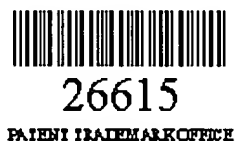
- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ _ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$ _ to Deposit Account no. 50-1070.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.



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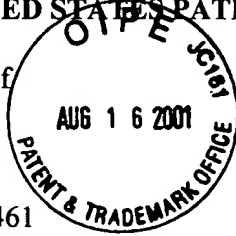
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000, Applicants submit the following
amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Please cancel claims 1, 8, 14 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend claims 2, 7, 9-13, 15-16, 19-21, 24, 26, 28-29 and 34-35 to the

following:

2. (Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the operating window comprises an
erbium band of wavelengths between approximately 1520 nm and 1561 nm, and each optical
line amplifier includes at least one fiber amplifier.